

Today

Edifying a God.  
First Lady Gridironer.  
"I Enjoy Torture"—Yaqui.  
\$1,000,000,000 for Incompetent Railroads?

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES read what Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark have to say about you on another page of The Times today.

These men are Democrats in both senses of the word—politically and intellectually. You are not surprised when Champ Clark says "Government employees will get increases all right at this session of Congress."

You are not surprised when Vice President Marshall says through The Times that Government employees and officials cannot live on the salaries now paid them.

The President of the United States will not permit the Government to set a vicious example to other employers, or take away HOPE, the great mainspring of human effort, from those that enter the Government service.

"Why do the dear ladies want to vote and go to Congress? We generous men give them everything in the world."

It sounds well, but we DON'T.

"We generous men" of the Gridiron Club never invited a lady to dine until last night, when Miss Rankin appeared, the first woman to attend a Gridiron dinner in thirty-two years.

Miss Rankin is in Congress—THAT'S why she was invited to the Gridiron festivities and allowed to make a good, common sense talk, winding up with "Betsy and I killed the Kaiser."

There is an ancient saying "All ill are justified, the sight of which edifies a god." That was written when it was thought that the gods on Mount Olympus enjoyed tormenting human beings, found pleasure in their sufferings. A self-appointed god of cruelty perched on a throne in Prussia, believes in his best ill justified that edify him.

The edification that this day presents to the Prussian ruler includes the sinking of an American destroyer and the murder of more than half a hundred American sailors.

His edification also includes the list of four thousand dead at Halifax, their deaths caused by accident in HIS war.

The Yaqui Indians first tortured, then killed five Americans, one German and three Chinese seventy miles south of Guaymas.

These Yaquis have heard their Indian relations across the Mexican border of the pleasant times enjoyed in Mexico by those with a taste for torturing and killing. The poor savage, with untutored mind, naturally asks "If they can do it across the Mexican border, why can't I do it here?"

Idleness is bad for the idle, bad for those that pay to support the idle. That is why governments raise while the people work and fall when too many parasites live on the workers' backs.

This country has been building up a good large minority of parasites, private car dwellers, candidates for the "non-shootable" uniforms, gentlemen and ladies whose chief hardship in war is that they can't go to Europe, must stay home and see their own country on the Pacific Coast or in Florida.

This war will make it more difficult to join the parasite class of do-nothings, and to that extent the war will do a great favor to the United States Republic.

It is well to remember the saying of Prudhomme and repeat it occasionally. "Monarchies are destroyed by poverty. Republics are destroyed by wealth."

In a monarchy, when the majority become TOO POOR, they kick out the king that has inflicted poverty upon them.

In a republic when the minority become TOO RICH they get sick of republicanism, tired of democracy, and decide to get rid of it—at about the same time the mass of the people get rid of them—sometimes unpleasantly.

It is fortunate for the United States that real Democrats occupy some important offices. For instance, Woodrow Wilson, whose residence and ears are tightly closed to industrial pirates; Champ Clark and Vice President Marshall, quoted in this paper today; Hiram Johnson of California, whose democracy, in spite of his being a Republican, carried by three hundred thousand the State of California that Hughes could not carry at all.

The country will need these Democrats and many others to bring it safely out of the "after the war" condition. There will be many irritated men and women in this country when this war ends. Careful management, and clearest proof that democracy, NOT plutocracy, is the highest power here will be needed to prevent serious changes and upheavals in government.

We repeat that a dangerous step would be to hand a thousand millions of the people's money to the privately owned railroads that signify incompetency and corruption in the minds of ninety per cent of the American people.

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TONIGHT;  
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# TWO WASHINGTON MEN AMONG THOSE STILL MISSING ON TORPEDOED DESTROYER

## NATION SWEEP BY COLD WAVE AND BLIZZARD; SEE NO RELIEF

### Storm Rages in New England and Middle West—High Winds Cause Damage—Colder Here Tonight.

The country is in the grip of a cold wave today which came on the heels of the first big snowstorm of the season. Forecaster Henry, of the Weather Bureau, offered no relief, his reports indicating that the temperature would take a greater drop before night.

Snow piled up fifteen inches deep in some sections of the Ohio valley.

The storm which hit Washington yesterday gave way to a windstorm that swept over Chesapeake bay and did much damage to property along the shore.

Near the Chesapeake Beach railway station the waves dashed over the boardwalk. The 2,000-foot pier was damaged, more than 600 feet being ripped off.

With the scarcity of coal, now the big problem of this city, the cold day, the river traffic will be tied up except for steamers and heavy powered boats is troubling the fuel administrator's office.

There is a violent snowstorm raging throughout north New England, but it is believed to be passing out to sea. Originating in the southwestern part of the Ohio valley, it struck New England last night.

In the middle West storm records were broken. West of the Mississippi the cold was intense. The temperature in the Dakotas is far below zero. At Duluth and Sault Ste. Marie ice-breaking tugs were used today to keep navigation open. Off the Gulf of Mexico the storm has assumed the proportions of a hurricane. New Orleans and Mobile reporting extensive damage to property.

All new records were smashed in Cincinnati. Snow fell in St. Louis. Chicago has its first real cold day, the thermometers registering a few degrees above zero. Trains in all parts of the country are delayed.

## D C. AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS WILL BE LISTED AT ONCE

Austro-Hungarians in the District of Columbia will be listed at once, United States Marshal Maurice Spain announced today.

This announcement came after the arrest here last night of fifteen alien enemy found in Washington, a German waiter who came to Washington shortly after war was declared, April 6, and secured employment in a hotel where he often served the tables of high Government officials. Under the law he should have left here November 21.

Austro-Hungarians are to register with the police as soon as the Attorney General has compiled the regulations. Austro-Hungarians may be barred from the District by the order of President Wilson, or at least stringent regulations will be placed over them, it is said.

## 10 WOMEN CARRIERS FOR CHICAGO SERVICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Ten Chicago women will blossom forth as mail carriers tomorrow morning. Mail women have come to stay during the period of the war, Postmaster Carlisle declares, and the force of women will be added to from time to time. For the present they will not be compelled to wear uniforms.

## THOUGHT DEAD 19 YEARS, RETURNS A SEA CAPTAIN

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 8.—John Nelson, believed dead for nineteen years, was walking into his home.

John enlisted in the navy soon after the outbreak of the Spanish-American

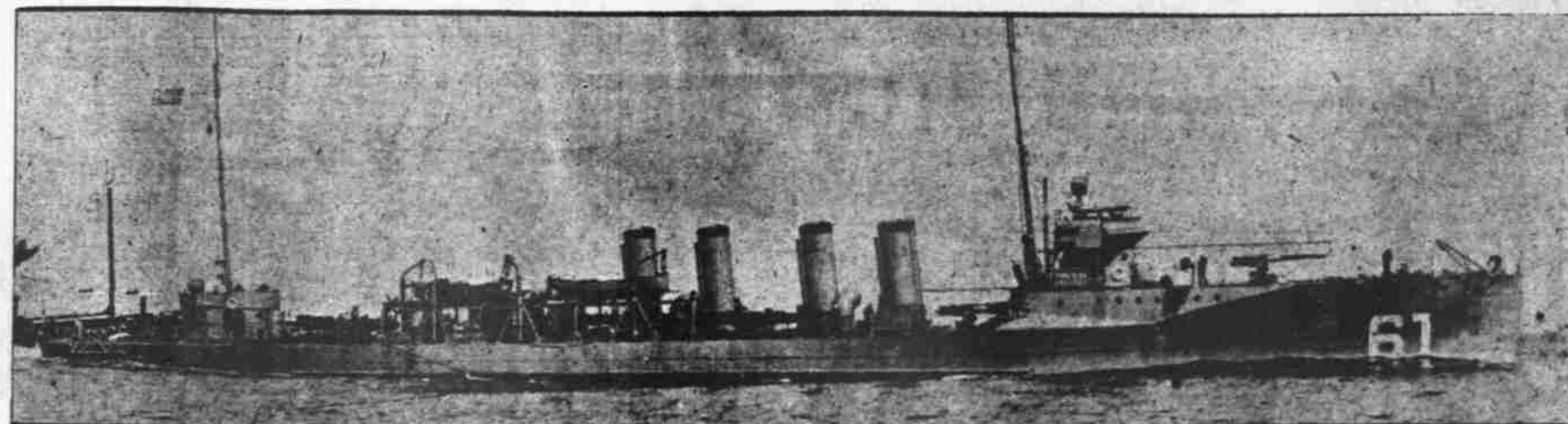
ORCHESTRA LEADER ARRESTED AS ALIEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Dr. Ernst Kunwald, director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Association, was arrested today in the association's offices by United States Marshal Devany, on order of Attorney General Gregory, of Washington.

Kunwald is an Austrian. He was arrested under section 12, of the President's proclamation of April 6, as an enemy alien.

# The Washington Times

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U. S. Destroyer Jacob Jones, torpedoed and sunk Thursday, December 6, at 8 p. m., while on patrol duty in foreign waters.

## ITALIANS YIELD MORE GROUND AT ASIAGO

### "Send Aeros"—Pershing

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—"Send us all the airplanes you can—and send them as soon as possible!"

This was the message from General Pershing as delivered last night by Augustus T. Post, before the war relief assembly of the Automobile Club of America. Mr. Post has recently returned from Europe.

The Italian army in the north has yielded more ground, according to an official dispatch received from Rome today. The Austro-Germans have driven a wedge between Monte Tondare and Badeneche, and are now aiming a thrust at Valstagna, on the Breno.

"After three days of bombardments," says the dispatch, "employing a colossal array of heavy artillery and making large use of asphyxiating gases, the enemy succeeded in eliminating the arch which constituted our foremost line of defense in the eastern side of the Asiago Plateau."

"Our retirement was accomplished gradually, and every inch of ground was stubbornly contested. The Austro-Germans are now holding the wedge between Monte Tondare and Badeneche, and they are attempting to force their way to Pozza, to strike our lines from the rear and invade the Valstagna district."

## BRITISH PLANES RAKE GERMAN TRENCHES WITH BULLETS, HAIG REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Local fighting to the east of Bourles was the only infantry action reported from the Cambrai front last night by Field Marshal Haig.

He said enemy artillery was active around Plesseque, Munchy le Preux and Paschendale.

"In bad visibility yesterday our aeroplanes carried out observation work and low reconnaissance and raids," Haig reported. "Our planes machine gunned the trenches. The hostile plane was downed and another forced to land intact within our lines. Four of ours are missing."

## GERMAN WAR OFFICE CLAIMS MORE GAINS IN CAMBRAI BATTLE

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 9.—More gains by German troops beyond Cambrai were reported in yesterday's official statement.

On both sides of Graincourt, the English were pushed back a hundred meters (about seven-tenths of a mile). At Lavacquerie the statement said, "many enemy attempts to gain broke down."

In two days' fighting on the Cambrai front the Germans have captured two guns and three machine guns.

## SWISS FIRE ON PLANES BATTLING OVER BASLE; NEUTRALITY VIOLATED

GENEVA, Dec. 8.—Swiss neutrality was violated Friday, when the allied and German armies battled over Basle. The Germans, hard pressed, entered Switzerland to escape. The fight took place at a great height, and the number of aeroplanes is unknown. The encounter lasted twenty minutes. Seven bombs were dropped on Swiss territory. The airman sped toward Alsace while Swiss soldiers bombarded both parties.

## HALIFAX DEATH TOLL MOUNTS TO 4,200; RELIEF TRAINS REACH HORROR CITY AS STORM RAGES

ST. JOHNS, New Brunswick, Dec. 9.—While a driving gale piled drifts of new-fallen snow many feet high over the ruins of Halifax, beneath which still lie the bodies of many hundreds of the 4,200 burned and frozen victims of the great catastrophe, scores of scantily-clad, homeless survivors hailed with thanksgiving the arrival of relief trains from Boston and New York.

Armed guards patrol the wrecked districts, now horrible in their silence, deepened by the deadening mantle of snow which has fallen fully three feet deep over the flame-blackened wreckage that was once part of Halifax.

## BANDITS HOLD UP MAN AS WOMEN IN AUTO KEEP GUARD

Staggering into the Fifth precinct station early today, a man giving his name as Raymond Mockabee, of 4 E street southeast, declared he had been assaulted by two auto bandits, one with blackened face, as he was walking on Virginia avenue, between Second and South Capitol streets, at 12:40 o'clock.

The pair jumped out of an auto, in which were also two women, according to Mockabee's statement, and after knocking him down rifled his pockets, overtook, however, a sum of money and other valuables.

Leaving him lying on the pavement, the two men jumped into the car and whirled away. The police are searching for the robbers, guided by incomplete descriptions given by Mockabee.

## ECUADOR BREAKS WITH BERLIN AS RESULT OF PLOTS

Without Congressional action Ecuador has broken relations with Germany. News of the rupture, which was provoked by the activities of German agents, has been cabled to the Ecuadorian minister here.

Germany was suspected of trying to intimidate Ecuador by inciting riots and promoting incendiary news. While official notice is lacking, it is the general belief that agents of the Kaiser were responsible for burning a \$1,500,000 government building at Guayaquil last month.

Blame for rioting and attempted revolution in November were also laid on German intrigues. These actions followed a refusal of the Ecuadorian government to receive Ambassador Peru, discharged German envoy of Peru, after Peru had broken diplomatic relations with the Kaiser in October.

## GOULLET AND MAGIN WIN SIX-DAY RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The team of Gouillet and Magin won the annual six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden here tonight, with 1,101 points.

Madden and Corry were second with 500 points, and Hill and Hanley were third with 334.

The race finished at 11:45 p. m., with Gouillet and Magin coming into the last lap with a good lead. Gouillet announced he would enlist at once in the United States Aviation Corps.

## RELIEF TRAINS ARRIVE

Battling their way through the blizzard, the American relief trains finally drew into the stricken city yesterday. Many were the expressions of gratitude and admiration for the quick and unselfish response to Halifax's appeal for succor.

It is believed that the arrival of clothing, bedding and food, along with the doctors and nurses aboard the relief trains, will save hundreds of lives now threatened by cold and starvation. Despite this, it is considered probable that the present estimated death list of 4,200 may be sent still higher by deaths among the seriously injured.

## REMS OF PUPILS' BODIES

In the ruins of the Chebucto School, where but a few days ago happy children sat at their desks, rows of bodies lie on the floor, blackened, shattered fragments of human beings, and living people huddled in their fur step among the dead—searching.

As rapidly as possible the injured are being shipped away. A special train filled with suffering humanity has departed for Truro, seventy miles away. It is hoped the train will be able to buffet its way through the blizzard to the little town, where scores of homes have been prepared to receive the victims.

Many strange freaks of Thursday's explosion were observed today in the ruined district. In one place a house stood, solitary and alone, in a chaos of debris. Its broken windows and a smashed door were the only signs of damage to it.

More than 3,000 injured men, women, and children have been attended.

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## CREW OF 11 DROWN AS GALE SINKS TUG OFF ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 9.—Eleven men were drowned here yesterday when the tug Eugene F. Morgan, of New York, foundered near an Atlantic City bar. Four men on two pilings were rescued after a battle between gale and sea and life-rafters from Longport and Atlantic City stations.

The entire crew of the tug was drowned.

It was one of the worst storms this section of the coast has ever seen. Survivors could not identify any of the eleven men and their names will not be known until the local authorities hear from New York.

The Morgan was bound for the Hog Island shipbuilding plant, Philadelphia.

## GERMAN AGENTS TRY TO KILL U. S. SAILOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—German agents tried to kill the sailor in charge of the United States radio station at Lucerne, near here tonight, the sheriff's office was notified.

## SURPRISE LOOKED FOR WHEN MEANS TRIAL IS RESUMED

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 9.—Undaunted by implied threats of gavelplay, but visibly nettled at the manner in which Guston B. Means, defendant in the trial for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, is practically being allowed to run his own trial, Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York, is believed to have a surprise in store at the resumption of the trial tomorrow.

It is stated on good authority that the New Yorker's plan embraces either a surprising move to alter the conduct of the trial or a change of tactics in the questioning which may draw unexpected testimony from the defendant.

Means' indolence during the trial yesterday was plainly a source of embarrassment to his counsel. He would answer practically as he pleased, and once left the stand and wandered about the bench, being finally forced to return to the witness chair by his counsel.

The result of yesterday's proceedings was to lay before the jury substantially all financial transactions with the widow and to show how much money Means handled as Mrs. King's adviser. Unless a surprise move on the part of Dooling is made tomorrow, the cross-examination will undoubtedly open new phases of inquiry.

## EXAMINATION DIFFICULT

Dooling succeeded after hours of work yesterday in establishing the fact that Means had little or no money when he first met Mrs. King. Moreover, Dooling established the fact that for a greater portion of the time Means had no bank account. His wife, Julie P. Means, had an account, and there were large deposits made in this account after Means went to "work" for Mrs. King. The defendant also admitted that he had a power of attorney over this account.

This came only after the hardest work. The defendant would shout answers and then remark: "How was that? Did I answer that readily enough?"

"Go ahead, fire 'em at me," was another favorite expression which he used.

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## SIX MESS HALLS BURN AT CAMP SEVIER, S. C.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 9.—A fire which started in the kitchen has destroyed six mess halls of the Thirteenth National Guard division at Camp Sevier.

A high wind handicapped the firemen and soldiers.

## KING CABLES HALIFAX MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

LONDON, Dec. 9.—King George has cabled the governor general of Canada, asking him to please convey to the people of Halifax, where he had spent so many happy times, his true sympathy in their grievous calamity.

## GOMPERS WILL PLEAD FOR CLERKS

While plans were being laid to carry the fight for a substantial increase in the pay of Government employees directly to the White House, leaders in the movement today continued their campaign to enlist the aid of friendly Congressmen in their battle for living wages. Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, is expected to head a delegation that will call upon President Wilson.

"Yes, that is true," said Miss Florence Etheridge, labor delegate representing the National Federation of Employees. "Mr. Gompers was written to last night. He has been asked to head a delegation to call upon Mr. Wilson. We have launched a fight to force the attention of the country upon our problems."

The committee appointed by H. M. McLaren is president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, representing 300,000 civil service employees. This committee was appointed also to take up the question of retirement pensions.

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That every possible step is being taken to find additional survivors is certain. Both the American forces and British patrol boats are undoubtedly searching the seas today for men in boats or on rafts. A patrol of the nearby coast line is also surely being maintained.

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### Landing of Launch With Six Additional Survivors Gives Hope to Navy Department Officials.

Sixty-four members of the crew of the United States destroyer Jacob Jones, sunk by a submarine in European waters, are still missing today.

The Navy Department has received no further communications in regard to the disaster since the report early this morning that six additional survivors, including Lieut. Comdr. D. Worth Bagley, had landed in a power launch on the Scilly Islands.

The landing of these survivors gives renewed hope that the ship did not sink quickly and that others have been saved.

The State Department is hourly in expectation of reports from the American consul at Queenstown, whence came the latest message. Navy Department officials were at their desks all day awaiting further news from Admiral Sims.

D. C. Men Missing.

Among those still missing are two Washington men, Lieut. Stanton Koff and Chief Electrician Clifford V. DeForest.

The six men who landed safely last night, the Navy Department announced, were Lieut. Comdr. D. Worth Bagley, Lieut. Norman Scott, Chief Boatswain's Mate Clarence McBride, Electrician Lawrence W. Kelly, Coxswain Ben Nunnery, and First Class Fireman Joseph Korzenichy. This list is in addition to the thirty-seven who were reported saved when the first news of the disaster was announced.

Of the crew of 101 men and six officers, forty-three have now been reported safe.

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The watch maintained by the crews of destroyers in the war zone is notably keen, which renders the latter explanation improbable.

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